

DAILY UPDATE: Cow Camp Fire

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Cow Camp Fire Lines Holding, Containment Jumps to 70%

Key Facts

- Acreage has increased slightly to 8,473 acres and containment is now up to 70 percent.
- 363 personnel remain on-hand at the incident, including 11 hand crews, one Type I helicopter, two Type III helicopters, and four Single Engine Airtankers. Crews could begin to be redirected from the fire to others in the area.
- Road blocks remain in place at the following locations: Fletcher Park Road at the junction of Fish Creek and Rabbit Creek; Cottonwood Park Road at the junction with Harris Park Road; and Cottonwood Park Road at its' junction with Palmer Canyon Road .
- Albany County Sheriff's Deputies and U.S. Forest Service staff have had a very strong presence along area roads in anticipation of increased weekend traffic.

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It was relatively quiet compared to previous days along perimeter lines of the Cow Camp Fire on Saturday, despite visible smoke created from the fire burning pocket of fuel deep within the perimeter. Progress continues to be made in solidifying those lines, but they will be tested by an incoming cold front this evening and the associated winds.

A Red Flag Warning for extreme fire-weather conditions remains in effect until the early morning hours on Sunday. Winds in North Albany County began picking up late Saturday afternoon.

Firefighter safety remains a concern due to high temperatures, falling trees and poor visibility from blowing ash. The firefighting standards of Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes and Safety Zones are always to be adhered to, but become especially important in the existing weather conditions at Cow Camp.

Members of the public that may be in the area are reminded that road closures are in place to the north, south and east of the fire area. Those closures and barricades are in place for both the safety of the public as well as the firefighters. Fire management asks that the public respect the barricades in all situations.

"The amount of work that firefighters have accomplished over the last week has been nothing short of impressive," said Incident Commander Trainee Shane Del Grosso. "We are executing our planned operations in good form and these crews should be commended. They are our most valuable asset and are finishing strong."

Firefighters will continue mop-up work along the fire edge looking for hot spots and fortifying fire line along the perimeter.

The fire can be followed on InciWeb.org or on Twitter, @MBRNFsTBNG, hashtag #CowCampFire.

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Media Notes: Media in the area are requested to stop in at Incident Command Post (ICP), located at Fish Creek Road (County Road 114) or call Beth Hermanson at 605-381-7232.